
Child Welfare Advisory Committee
100 W. Randolph 16th floor Room 504 Chicago and 406 E. Monroe Springfield
August 13, 2019 1 PM-3:30 PM
MINUTES:

ATTENDEES

DCFS: Marc Smith, Lauren Williams, Antwan Turpeau, Daniel Fitzgerald, James Daugherty, Mary Nam, Therese Burton, Tracey King, Deborah Dyer-Webster, Denice Murray, Keith Langston, Anika Todd, Kim Mann, Dagene Brown, Tierney Stutz, Jassen Strokosch, Angela Harris, Gaylon Alcaraz, Juliana Harms, Jennifer Marett, Michael C. Jones, Steve Minter, Royce Kirkpatrick, Robert Blackwell, Ashley Deckert, Desiree Silva

Members: Raul Garza, Trish Foxx, Zach Schrantz, Rich Bobby, Bev Jones, Patricia Ege, Kathy Grzelak, Deb McCarrel, Melissa Ludington, Malia Arnett, Margaret Vimont, Nora Collins-Mandeville, Tiffany Jones, Jason Keeler, Danielle Gomez, Terry Carmichael, Mary Savage, Erik Foster

Public: Ana Espanoza (Channel 20), Marci White, Lewis Bedford, Chris Boyster, Casey Anderson

Phone: Harriet Kersh, Janet Ahren, Monico Wittington-Eskridge, George Vennikandam, Anne Murphy, Bill Franklin, Chris Cox, Jill Tichenor, Hope Carbonaro, James Tooles, Nancy Schwartz, Elizabeth Richmond, Lori Gray

Welcome and Introductions

- Approval of May Minutes
 - Beverly Jones motioned to accept the minutes, Raul Garza Second, passed unanimously

Directors Report

- **Family First Update - Deborah Dyer-Webster**
 - Target population will be those families who receive intact, Pregnant parent teens, family's RH, Post adopt, and Sub-guardianship cases.
 - Draft prevention plan submission September 30, for review and comments
 - 2 main working groups: Prevention and Congregate Care
 - Dates are publicly posted
 - Implementation in July 2020, based on intervention, and training layout
 - Allows time for needs assessment and allows interventions to be put into place.
 - DCFS using monthly news letter
 - Steering committee has a very diverse and broad reaching membership base.

- **Illini Care/Managed Care - Anika Todd**

- Implementation date is November 1, 2019 for all Children. Medically fragile children are being excluded from the rollout.
- Service provision and the method of delivery. We need quality services, and want to measure the impact of the services that they deliver.
- We are in talks about the needs of our children and the case coordination that is needed to effectively meet our kids, parents, and foster parent's needs.
- DCFS will hold 3 meetings and post plan for 28 days prior to going live.
- We are working to ensure that we are in the driver's seat for services. We do not have time to mess around with appeals, however reviewing to ensure there is a strong clinical review of billing and approval process.
- Starting Aug 28th - End of year (Every other week) across the providers will be hosting IlliniCare community talks. (Deb McCarrel will provide dates when it is established)
- Answers to specific asked questions will be distributed by Jeremy: (Some recorded below)
 - Who is included: all children in institutional care, in or with relatives, adopted, former youth in care, young adults who aged out but still qualify and under 26. Alumni can opt to choose 1 of the 7 plans, or will remain in IlliniCare.
 - SSI children: SSI children will have choice of any Illinois health plan, and cannot opt out.
 - Enrollment in Managed care is mandatory, DCFs will be assigned to IlliniCare.
 - Youth can change healthy plan within 90 days
 - Welcome packets/cards will be mailed to all current addresses, and will be available in all Regional offices.
 - 11-12 IlliniCare staff will be in field offices across the state for 3 months to help ensure there are no issues getting enrolled.
- SOC is available to support if needed.

- **Daniel Fitzgerald (Burgeos) (Spanish Speaking Worker Certification)**

- Opportunities begin: September 4th, multiple times a day at multiple field offices
- Reading, writing, and translation are all part of the testing
- Letters and follow up emails have already been sent

Sub-Committee Reports

- **High End Sub-Committee**

- IMD- all residential's in Kentucky now classified this way which impact providers under family first.

- **Workforce/Immersion Site Sub-Committee**

- Using Rapid Results to review ACR and other meeting starting before the end of next month to begin the assessment of how to streamline.
- Applicant pool in the industry/turnover are complicating the industry
- Mobile app, has been being rolled out, Mobile SACWIS is available to any provider who offers a device to employees. IPHONE only for now, close to roll out on Android, close on staff owned phones. Personal phones also have a policy change required.

- **Intact- Front End**

- Concerns about capacity at the agencies to meet increasing demand for INTACT services. Looking for some guidance as to the capacity issues within INTACT providers.

Resource Needs and Capacity

- **Shelters Update - Antwan Turpeau**
 - We are seeking 8-10 beds in Northern and 15-20 in Central region.
 - DHS also has a RFP currently out for vendors to provide homeless youth shelters.
- **Traditional Foster Care Recruitment - Tracey King & Keith Langston**
 - DCFS seeking CWAC Foster Care group for feedback and review.
 - Populations needed: Older youth, Large sibling set, Spanish Speaking, dually involved, LGBTQ, and step-down homes.
 - Survey being distributed on the 16th, with a request back by 27th.
 - Contract recruitment portion is going to be reviewed by POS.
 - Recruitment is part of the solution, but retention is also a part of the plan.
- **Therapeutic Foster Care - Anika Todd**
 - Executing for 2.5 years using TCFO. LSSI and CHASI currently the providers
 - 9-month treatment intended
 - Considering an expansion through treatment foster care.
- **Residential Step-Down & Placement Availability - Michael C. Jones & Lauren Williams**
 - Difficult to get youth approved for level of care Specialized Foster Care
 - Need to focus on our ability to increase the capacity to say yes and meet the needs of the families we serve.
- **Resource Development- Marci White B.H. Expert**
 - Our children need more community based services. This includes a more wholistic view of the “family”.

Training & Committees 20 Minutes

- **Safety Reboot Update-Monico Eskridge**
 - Additional capacity is likely to be added so that we can offer more spaces for enrollment.
- **LGBTQ Sub-Committee Development- Gaylon & Juliana**
 - LGBTQ round table asked DCFS to train and sensitize staff in order to ask SOGI questions.
 - We are still looking to finalization of SACWIS/Training ASAP.

Adjournment 3:

Next meeting:

November 14, 2019 1-3PM